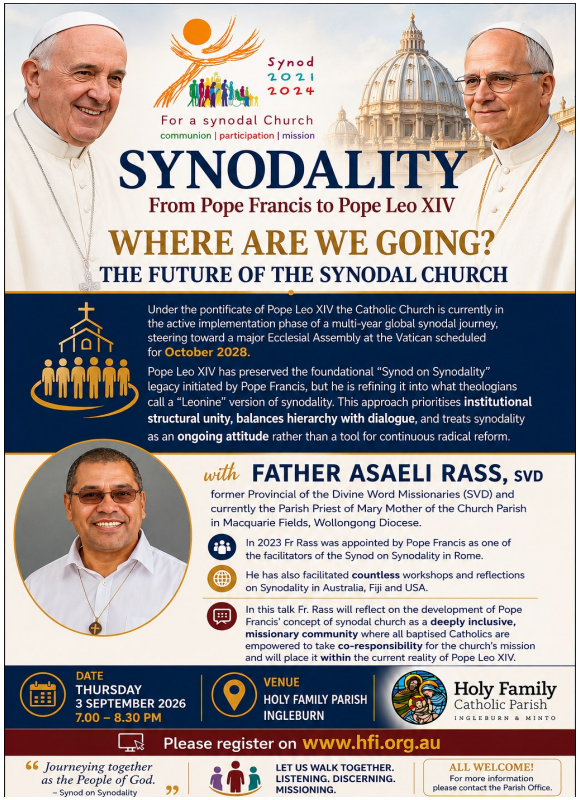


## Holy Family Parish Fair

Join us on ***Saturday, 24 October*** for our Holy Family Parish Fair – a wonderful day of food, entertainment, stalls, friendship and community.

Preparations are now underway, and we warmly invite all parish ministries, parish groups and parishioners to become involved.

If you or your group would like to host a stall, provide entertainment or assist with the planning of the day, please add your name to the expression of interest sheet in the church foyer.

We look forward to sharing this special day with our parish family. More information will be provided over the coming weeks. Together, let's make this a joyful celebration of our parish community.

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## Mid-Year Dinner Dance Thank You

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* Ecclesiastes 3:1

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported and contributed to the success of our recent Parish Mid-Year Dinner Dance.

The evening was a beautiful reflection of our parish family, bringing together people of all ages to share laughter, fellowship and the joy of being united in faith. We are grateful to all who gave their time, shared their talents, volunteered behind the scenes, performed, assisted with preparations, and helped create such a memorable occasion.

A special thank you to our Youth and Young Adults Ministry for their generous service, and to all our volunteers and supporters whose dedication and kindness helped make the evening such a success. We would also like to thank our Parish School for the generous use of the School Hall, which provided such a wonderful space for us to gather and celebrate.

The funds raised from the event will support our parish projects and ministries. The final amount raised will be announced shortly.

Thank you once again for helping make this a beautiful celebration of faith, friendship and community.

Thank you to for your support Ingleburn Best Meat, Kabayan Kitchen, Sushi Sponsor, Jhubie Guadalupe, Carmen Pomanag, Kathy Ignacio, Noodles Sponsor, St Cecilia Choir, Blossom & Bloom By K, Dinner Dance Committee.

# Holy Family Catholic Parish

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57 Guernsey Ave, Minto

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**Website:** www.hfi.org.au
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**Hours:** 8.45am-2.45pm Tues-Thurs
**Phone:**(02) 9059 4134

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
**16 August 2026**

### Reflection by Father Henry

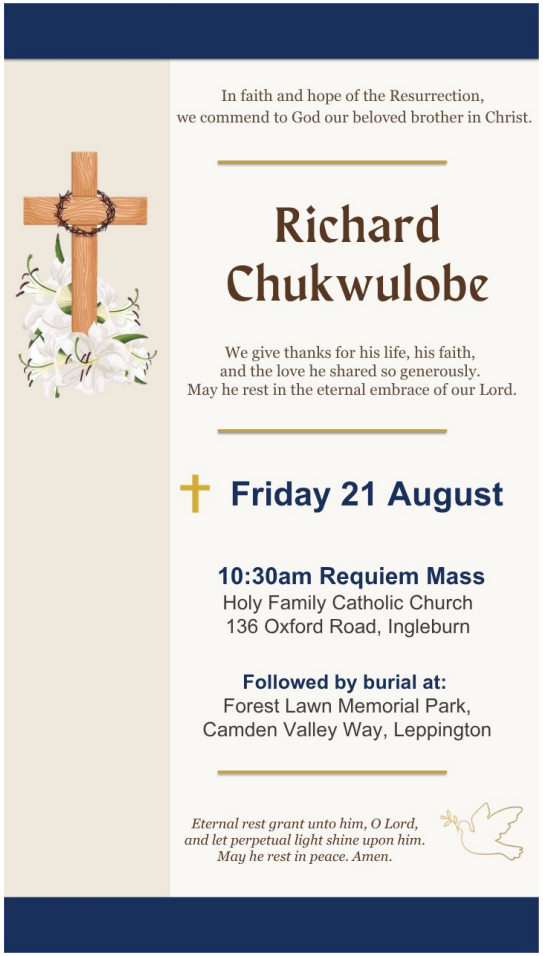
This Sunday, the Word of God draws our attention to God's invitation and mercy to humanity. His invitation and mercy are completely without borders, offering equal opportunities to all people as we respond to Him in faith.

In the first reading, Isaiah reveals the expansion of God's salvation project. Initially focused on Israel, "God's firstborn," God now extends His mercy to all other nations of the earth. He promises to bring even foreigners to His holy mountain and make them joyful in His house. However, this beautiful promise rests on one vital condition: that they attach themselves to the Lord to love and serve Him.

In the second reading, Saint Paul strikes the exact same chord as Isaiah. When Paul speaks of "mercy to all," he clarifies that salvation is available to anyone who actively responds to God's call. Reflecting on Israel's journey, Paul demonstrates total confidence in God's fidelity. He reminds us that "God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice." God remains trustworthy and patient, never giving up on anyone - even those who have temporarily disobeyed or rejected Him. Consequently, Paul warns us never to be proud or unmerciful toward others.

Finally, in the Gospel, the Canaanite woman brilliantly embodies this boundless faith. Although she is an outsider, her persistent request moves Jesus, illustrating that faith bridges all cultural divides.

As we reflect on these readings, let us celebrate a God whose house is a house of prayer for all peoples, and whose mercy knows no boundaries.



## What's On In Our Parish

***August***

15 & 16 Social Gathering Weekend
17 School Mass - Feast of the Assumption, 11:45am

***September***

1 September to 4 October - Season of Creation
1 World Day of Prayer for Creation
2 Monthly Morning Tea after 9am Mass
3 Parish Monthly Faith Formation Series: *Synodality* facilitated by Father Asaeli Raass SVD
9 Grade Mass (Year 2 and Year 4), 11:45am
19 & 20 Social Gathering Weekend
23 Grade Mass (Kindergarten and Year 6), 11:45am

## Liturgical Dates

***August***

15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
20 St Bernard, *Abbot & Doctor of the Church*
21 St Pius X, *Pope*
22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24 St Bartholomew, *Apostle*
27 St Monica
28 St Augustine, *Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
29 The Passion of St John the Baptist

## DATES TO REMEMBER

***Thursday 3 September* - Parish Monthly Faith Formation**
*Synodality, by Father Raass SVD, 7pm Parish Meeting Rooms*

***Saturday 24 October* - Parish Fair**
*Holy Family Church - 10am to 3pm*

***Saturday 28 November* - Y&YA Retreat**

***Friday 4 December* - Parish Carol Night**

## From The Diocese

**2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass**
If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.
*Registration is essential and must be completed online* at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026.
Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

**Men's Prayer Breakfast, Friday 21 August 2026 | 6:30am–8:00am | Speaker: Peter Gilmore "*The Power of Vision*"**
Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong
Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Peter Gilmore. Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission.
Book via dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday 18 August
*The Men's Prayer Breakfast Series is organised by the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation and menALIVE in the Diocese of Wollongong*

**St Carlo Acutis Relic and Display coming in September!**
Our Diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th), Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults, will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display. Visit https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/ for more information.

**Compass Catholic Family Camping Weekend - Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October**
Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for Friday 16 - Sunday 18 October. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food!
For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

**Parish Planned Giving**

You can continue to contribute financially to the Parish via the two collections at the weekend Masses, but if you prefer, the Holy Family Parish bank account details are:

**First collection**
Acct name: Ingleburn Presbytery
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001978

**Second collection**
Acct name: Ingleburn Parish
BSB: 066711
Account number: 001773

***Thank you for supporting your parish.***

**We pray ...** For world leaders and all who shape public policy, that they may seek peace, uphold justice and protect the dignity of every human life. For all who have served and sacrificed in war; for those who gave their lives in service of our country, and for all veterans and their families. For those who are burdened in mind, body, or spirit, especially those carrying heavy crosses. For those who feel forgotten, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**For the sick and homebound:** *May the saving power of the risen Lord bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers. Amen.* For our sick relatives, friends and parishioners and all who have nobody to pray for them; Maria Elizabeth Tuason, Emerlida Castillo, Rebecca Velasco, Susitina Unasa, Josephine Flores Ferrer, Pamela Smith, Tuainekore Maraera, Joanna Oca, Susan Williams.

**For our recently dearly departed**: *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*
Maureen Hardy-Smith, Joly Cabuso, Alexander Mackie, Beverley Foley, Esther Thierjung, Richard Chukwulobe, Tumua Oláaiga, Joanne Canceri, Gogo Nakamandlovu, Salesi Charles Ramsay.

**For those whose death anniversaries occur at this time**: *Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace. Amen.*
For those who have nobody to pray for them; For all of our family members and friends;
Ricardo R. Celiz Jr, Hazel Pereira, Felicia Pereira, Horatius V. Macariola, Nelly Marianita Suarez, Gregory and Leon Rego, Paul Collins, Father Peter Caruana.

**Other intentions**: For our RCIA catechumens and candidates, that God will continue to open their hearts, deepen their faith, and guide their steps closer to Christ through this time of preparation.

For our Year 12 students as they complete their Trial HSC examinations, that the Holy Spirit may continue to bless them with wisdom, perseverance, peace and confidence. May they recognize the gifts and talents God has given them and place their trust in His loving plan for their future.

For all families in our parish and wider community, especially those experiencing hardship, division, illness or grief, that they may find strength, hope and support in the love of Christ and the care of one another.

For all our young people, particularly those preparing for examinations, making important life decisions, or discerning their future path, that they may be guided by courage hope and faith as they journey towards the future God has prepared for them.

With joyful hearts, during May, we welcomed the newly Baptised into our Parish community:
**Ella Khoury, Aila Marie Bernardo, Jett Keating, Elliana Ansell.**
*We ask God to bless these children, their parents, Godparents and families, to surround them with your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their lives.*

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

If your child is in Year 6 or above, has been Baptised and has received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, they are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Registration is via the parish website and will open on 25 August 2026.
*We look forward to journeying with your family as your child prepares to receive this important sacrament.*

## PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

***LEGION OF MARY***
6:30pm every Wednesday, Church Meeting Room.

***BIBLE READING***
9:30am 2nd & 4th Wednesday, Parish Meeting Room.

***BIBLE STUDY***
7:00pm 1st & 3rd Friday, Parish Meeting Room.

***BIBLE SHARING***
7:00pm 2nd & 4th Friday, Church Meeting Room.

***CHILDREN'S LITURGY***
Every Sunday during the 9:00am Mass.

***YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS***
6:30pm 2nd & 4th Friday, Parish Meeting Room.

***BELL RINGERS***
8:30am every Saturday, Church Bell Tower.

***New members are warmly welcome in all parish ministries and groups.***

**SERVICE TIMES**

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| **Holy Family** | Mass | Wed - Fri | 9am |
| | | Tue | 7pm |
| | | First Friday of each month | 6.30pm |
| | | Sat | 5pm Vigil |
| | | Sun | 9am and 5pm |
| | *Adoration* | Tues | 7.30pm |
| | *Benediction* | First Friday of each month | 9.30am |
| | *Reconciliation* | Tue<br>Sat | 6.30pm - 7pm<br>9am - 10am |
| **Holy Trinity** | *Rosary* | Mon | 7pm |
| | *Reconciliation* | Wed | 5.45pm - 6pm |
| | Mass | Wed | 6pm |
| | | Sun | 8am |